



PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

BECOME A MASTER OF INFLUENCE.

Psychological Operations (PSYOP) Soldiers use expert communication skills and unconventional tactics to support U.S. Army objectives.



BE A STRATEGIC THINKER AND SKILLED COMMUNICATOR.

PSYOP Soldiers support Army missions by using intelligence, interpersonal skills, cultural sensitivity, and foreign language proficiency to affect the actions and opinions of foreign individuals, groups, and governments.

Serve as an expert in human connection.

PSYOP Soldiers work in small teams to execute missions around the world. They build relationships with leaders and civilians to gain trust and influence. They also use social media, digital marketing, and pamphlets to share information meant to help shift beliefs and behaviors in the U.S. Army's interest.



Influence with information.

Military Information Support Operations (MISO) missions involve sharing specific information to foreign audiences to influence the emotions, motives, reasoning, and behavior of governments and citizens. This can include cyber warfare and advanced communication techniques across all forms of media.



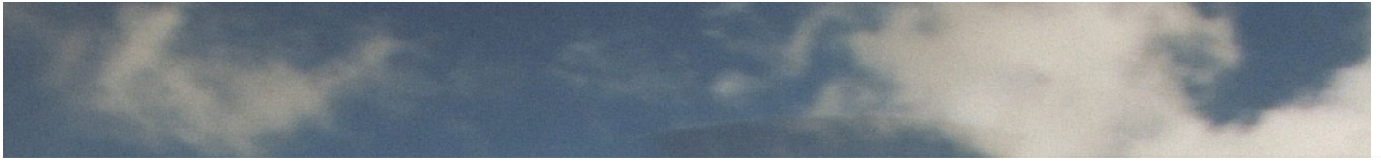
Intentionally deceive.

Military deception missions use psychological warfare to deliberately mislead enemy forces during a combat situation.



Advise governments.

Interagency and government support missions shape and influence foreign decision-making and behaviors in support of United States' objectives.



THE PSYOP SELECTION PROCESS

Psychological warfare requires adaptability, resilience, and problem solving. To be

selected as a PSYOP Soldier, you'll first be trained and tested in order to prepare for the mental and physical toughness you'll encounter in the field.

STEP 01: 10 DAYS

PSYOP Assessment

You'll be tested on your physical and psychological fitness to become a candidate for this elite force.

STEP 02: 43 WEEKS

PSYOP Qualification Course

During the PSYOP Operations Specialist Course you'll learn the core skills of PSYOP Soldiers including basic speaking and listening proficiency in a foreign language, military intelligence, advanced interpersonal communication, adaptive leadership, cultural analysis, and advanced social media and marketing.

STEP 03

Graduation

You'll graduate the course as a PSYOP Specialist if you're an enlisted Soldier, or as a PSYOP Officer.

Requirements to become a PSYOP Soldier.

You can join the Army as a PSYOP Soldier or transfer into the role if you're a current Soldier. There are different requirements depending on the path you take.

Requirements to Join →

NEW SOLDIERS

CURRENT SOLDIERS

Requirements for new Soldiers:

Be a U.S. citizen

Have a Defense Language Aptitude Battery (DLAB) score of 85 or above

Pass the Army Fitness Test (AFT) and clear the Army height and weight standards

Qualify for Airborne School

Be eligible for a secret security clearance

OTHER SPECIAL OPS

Army Rangers →

Special Forces →

Civil Affairs →

TAKE THE FIRST STEP.

Find out more about becoming a Soldier and if a career in the Army is right for you.

Talk to a Recruiter →

Common questions about PSYOP.

Not finding what you need?

Chat with us any time.

Do I need to attend Basic Training to become a PSYOP Soldier?



What happens if I'm not selected to PSYOP during training?



What equipment do PSYOP Soldiers use?



What language could I be assigned to learn as part of PSYOP?



Do PSYOP Soldiers receive extra pay?



What is the history of Army Psychological Operations?



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